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GENERAL: Favorable fall harvest weather last week enabled good harvest progress, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest continued behind last year's pace, with corn harvest further behind normal than soybeans and sorghum. Other producer activities included moving cattle to stalk fields and finishing alfalfa harvest.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

WEATHER: Temperatures last week averaged three to six degrees below normals across the State. Minimum temperatures ranged from 14 at Valentine to 29 at Omaha. Precipitation was limited to the southern half of the State with amounts generally less than one inch.

CROPS: **Corn** harvest progressed to 43% complete, about one week behind average. This compares with 87 last year and 59 average. Corn harvest was over 50% complete in east central counties, while north central and Panhandle areas were only 25% harvested.

Soybean harvest progressed to 84% combined, compared to 92 last year and 88 average.

Sorghum harvest continued last week with 50% cut to date, compared to 90 last year and 58 average.

Wheat was 94% emerged, compared with 88 last year and 92 average.

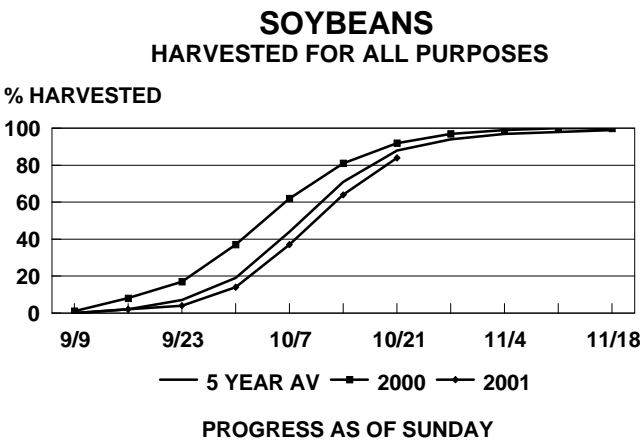
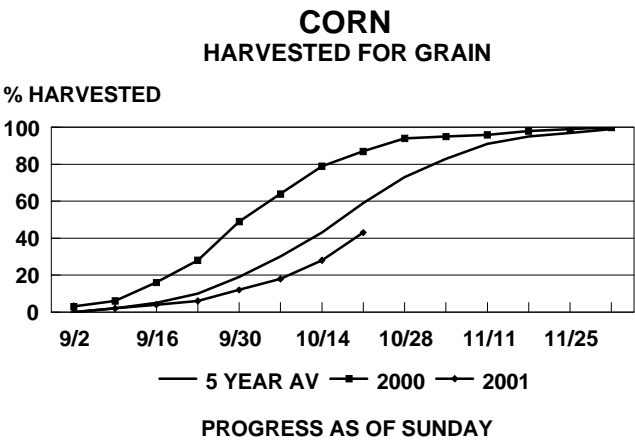
Fourth cutting **alfalfa** was 92% harvested, compared to 98 last year and 92 average. Condition rated 4% very poor, 12 poor, 31 fair, 42 good, and 11 excellent.

Pasture and **range** condition continued to improve and rated 8% very poor, 14 poor, 35 fair, 38 good, and 5 excellent.

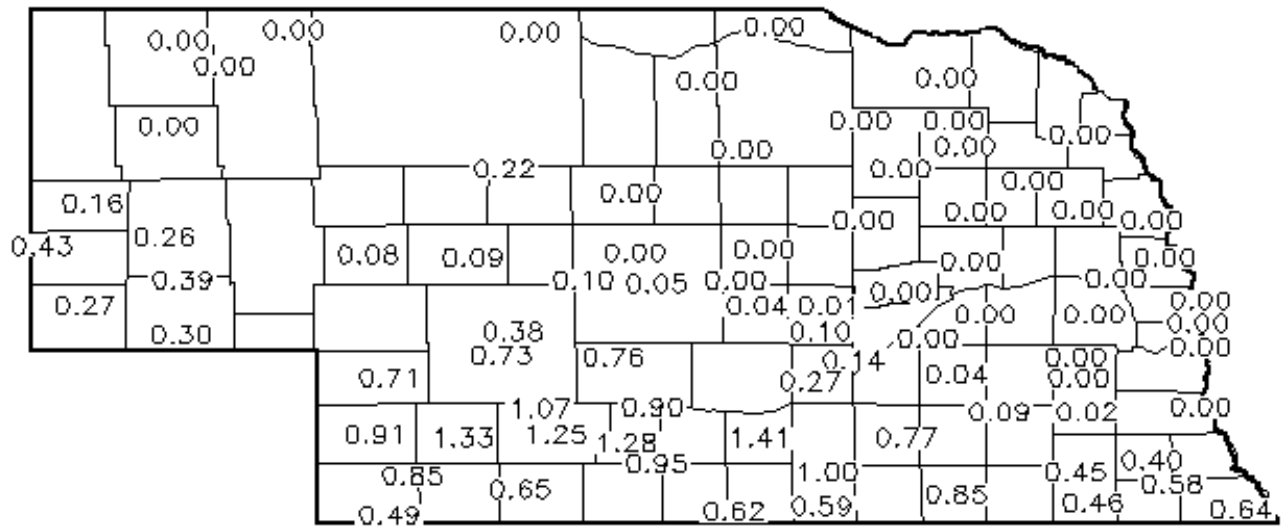
PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS, NEBRASKA, AS OF OCTOBER 21, 2001

| ITEM | AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS | | | | | | | | STATE | LAST WEEK | LAST YEAR | AVER- AGE |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | NW | NC | NE | C | EC | SW | SC | SE | | | | |
| % Corn Harvested | 25 | 25 | 29 | 50 | 53 | 40 | 42 | 49 | 43 | 28 | 87 | 59 |
| % Soybeans Harvested | n/a | 92 | 86 | 86 | 85 | 93 | 93 | 73 | 84 | 64 | 92 | 88 |
| % Sorghum Harvested | n/a | 45 | 73 | 45 | 46 | 62 | 51 | 50 | 50 | 35 | 90 | 58 |
| % Wheat Emerged | 96 | 99 | 96 | 85 | 70 | 96 | 96 | 80 | 94 | 83 | 88 | 92 |
| % Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting | 78 | 89 | 93 | 97 | 95 | 97 | 99 | 88 | 92 | 87 | 98 | 92 |
| Days Suitable for Fieldwork | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 6.9 | |
| Topsoil Moisture - % Very short | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 60 | |
| - % Short | 33 | 8 | 18 | 22 | 36 | 13 | 7 | 5 | 18 | 18 | 30 | |
| - % Adequate | 57 | 91 | 82 | 73 | 56 | 84 | 86 | 95 | 78 | 75 | 10 | |
| - % Surplus | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | |
| Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short | 12 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 27 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 10 | 81 | |
| - % Short | 34 | 10 | 29 | 31 | 39 | 33 | 15 | 22 | 25 | 29 | 16 | |
| - % Adequate | 54 | 87 | 71 | 65 | 34 | 62 | 76 | 77 | 67 | 60 | 3 | |
| - % Surplus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |

n/a = not available.



PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21, 2001¹



| Item | Precipitation, Nebraska, April 1 - October 21, 2001 ¹ | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | NW | NC | NE | CEN | EC | SW | SC | SE |
| Total past week | .20 | .02 | .00 | .07 | .01 | .79 | .99 | .54 |
| Total since April 1 | 14.02 | 20.79 | 27.46 | 19.97 | 23.01 | 17.09 | 22.67 | 32.22 |
| Normal since April 1 | 13.64 | 17.70 | 20.56 | 19.30 | 22.62 | 16.34 | 19.38 | 23.72 |
| Total as % of normal | 102% | 117% | 134% | 103% | 101% | 104% | 117% | 135% |

¹ Source: High Plains Climate Center preliminary data as of 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

TEMPERATURE DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2001

| Station | | Temperature | | | |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----|------|-----------|
| | | Extremes | | Mean | Departure |
| | | Max | Min | | |
| NW | Chadron | 79 | 16 | 45 | --- |
| | Scottsbluff | 74 | 24 | 45 | -4 |
| | Sidney | 80 | 22 | 46 | --- |
| NC | Valentine | 86 | 14 | 45 | -4 |
| NE | Norfolk | 71 | 28 | 48 | -3 |
| | Sioux City | 68 | 27 | 46 | -6 |
| CEN | Grand Island | 70 | 25 | 49 | -3 |
| | Ord | 73 | 21 | 46 | --- |
| EC | Lincoln | 71 | 27 | 49 | -4 |
| | Omaha | 70 | 29 | 49 | -4 |
| SW | Imperial | 82 | 27 | 49 | --- |
| | North Platte | 79 | 18 | 45 | -5 |

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